## New Site Makes Formation Easier for Small Businesses

Partnership with Delaware Libraries Makes Corporate Filings Faster and More Accessible

**Wilmington, DE** — Joined by Delaware entrepreneurs and small business owners, Gov. Jack Markell today launched a new web portal to deliver online business formation and related services in support of in-state businesses.

Global Delaware, the <u>Division of Corporations</u>, the <u>Division of Libraries</u>, and <u>public libraries</u> across the state have teamed up with two Delaware-licensed registered agents, CT Corporation and IncNow, to make business registration available directly from the state for the first time.

✓ Until now, Delawareans looking to form an entity directly with the state had to file through the mail or in-person at the Division of Corporations offices in Wilmington or Dover. With this new service, residents can complete the task online or at a Delaware public library with help from a librarian. This new option is quick, safe and cost-effective.

"The collaborative effort puts a terrific resource in the hands of our residents, and is exactly the direction we want to be headed in: Supporting local companies looking to create business structures that will enable expanded growth and success," said Governor Markell.

Registration services on the Division of Libraries' online platform have been customized for Delaware businesses, with the backing of the Division of Corporations as well as Delaware's extensive public library network. The registration service will reside on the <u>Delaware Libraries Entrepreneurship Community page</u>, with other online tools and resources designed to support budding businesses.

"More than 1.2 million legal entities are incorporated in Delaware from around the world. I'm pleased that CT Corporation and IncNow took up the challenge of creating a product specifically targeted to the needs of small Delaware-based businesses," explained Rick Geisenberger, director of the Division of Corporations. "By partnering with trusted agents and public libraries, we can further ensure that local entrepreneurs have convenient access to services they need when it comes time to start a business."

"This partnership with Global Delaware is a great opportunity for us to add expert tools that support microbusinesses here in the State," said State Librarian Dr. Annie Norman. "Delaware Libraries serve as a hub for connecting Delawareans with the information and resources they need to help them move forward with their plans to launch a new business."

Librarians across the state received training on the new business registration platform in order to assist Delawareans who want to use the service. In addition, the new online service includes dedicated helplines staffed by professionals from IncNow and CT Corporation who will help walk users through the process and answer questions.

"State agencies continue to work together to help Delaware businesses become more informed, supported and competitive," said Andrea Tinianow, director of Global Delaware. "We hope the local business community will take full advantage of this newest resource, and to let us know how else we can help."

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CT Corporation



IncNow



The Delaware entrepreneurs incorporating their new businesses

online



Inspiration Space Micro-Business Coordinator discussing services



State Librarian, Dr. Annie Norman



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